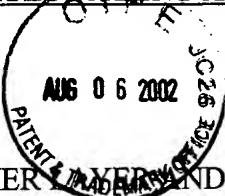


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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 1, 2002, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-57). Applicant respectfully cancels remaining claims 58-94 (Group II) without prejudice, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in a divisional application at a later date.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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